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INVENTORY ALLOCATION

MANAGEMENT METHOD AND INVENTORY ALLOCATION

MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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## ABSTRACT

An order parts list based on order information can be recorded on a memory storage of a computer after allocating parts existing in an inventory list. After the order is confirmed, it can be determined whether parts in the parts order list exist in a latest inventory list. By referring to order priority information that indicates order shipment priority for each part listed on the latest inventory list, a confirmed parts list can be created for reallocating the parts having the highest priority.

Processing for reallocating parts allocated at the time of ordering after the order is confirmed can thus be optimized.

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